

REMARKS

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Claims 1-27 are pending.

Claims 1 and 27 are independent. Claim 27 is a method version of claim 1.

Claims 2-26 depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 1.

1. Specification

Applicants have changed the Title to one that is clearly indicative of the invention as claimed.

2. Arrangement of the Specification

Applicants have also re-named two paragraphs, of the original Application filed on 2005/04/22 ("the Application"), as "Background of the Invention" and "Summary of the Invention," to better comply with standard arrangement and naming of specification sections.

3. Abstract

Applicants have changed the page, on which the Abstract appears, to contain no more than the Abstract itself.

Applicants also respectfully submit that, per page 3 of the Preliminary Amendment ("the Preliminary Amendment") submitted on 2005/04/22 (y/m/d) and page 27 of the Application, the Abstract already appeared on its own page.

The only other material appearing on page 27 of the Application is the following:

1. A certification of faithful translation appearing after an "END OF TRANSLATION" marker (page 27, from line 14 to the bottom of the page); and
2. A standard header, that also appears at the top of every other page of the written description, stating that the translation from German is certified (page 27, above line 1).

4. Claim Objections

The Examiner requires removal of multiple dependent form for claims 10-26 of the Application. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that the Preliminary Amendment (please see pages 7-13) already removes such multiple dependency and that such removal is reflected in US Patent Application Publication US2005-0280602 A1, published 2005/12/22 ("the Application Publication").

The Examiner also requires removal of the "beta" symbol in claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that the Preliminary Amendment (please see pages 4-5) already removes such symbols and that such removal is reflected in the Application Publication.

5. New Claim

The applicants have added a new claim 27, that is a method version of claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

6. Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that all requirements and objections have been traversed. Therefore, applicants request a Notice of Allowance be granted.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 502584 referencing docket number "Via.USPA10532479."

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